Companies against faulty Electric Meters

952. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints recently from the residents of different Group Housing Societies situated at the outer ring road Pitampura, Delhi-34 like Sansad Vihar, Triveni, Som Vihar, Parijath Apartments etc. with regard to the fast runing/not functioning of electric meters;

(b) if so, the number of complaints received during the last six months;

(c) whether Government have any action on such complaints if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of electric meters installed from 1st January, 1991 to 30th June, 1991 in the above Societies and whether meters were checked before installing and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the criteria of receiving and disposing of such complaints and whether it has come to the notice of Government that written complaints are not received by the Assistant Engineer on duty, if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) According to DESU, 14 complaints of fast running/non-functioning of electric meters were received in the concerned DESU office during January to June, 1991 from the residents of the three Societies viz. Sansad Vihar, Triveni Apartments and Parijath Apartments. The complaints so received were duly attended to by replacing the meter(s) where necessary.

(d) About 140 new electric connections (alongwith meters) were energised in the said Societies from 1st January, 1991 to 30th June, 1991 except the Triveni Apartments which is still under electrification and some temporary connections have been given there. Meters of the above 140 connections were checked by DESU before installation.

(e) A consumer can make written request for testing of his meter, which might be suspected to be defective by him alongwith the requisite testing fee to the Assistant Engineer (Zone) who takes appropriate action as per test results. The complaints regarding faulty meters are entered in the register maintained in the Office of AE (Zone). Any specific case of refusal to receive the written complaint of faulty meter by the concerned AE (Zone), could be looked into by DESU authorities for appropriate action.

Demand and Supply of Power in the Country

953. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the position of demand and supply of electric power in the country as on 31st Marh, 1991, 31st March, 1990 and 31st March, 1989 respectively, and how much has been shortfall zone-wise;

(b) what has been the total installed capacity as on the 31st March, 1989 and how much has been added to it since then till the 31st March, 1991.

(c) which are the plans in which this capacity increase has taken place and the details thereof;

(d) what schemes Government have to bridge this gap of supply and demand in the country which are under execution and at what stage; and

(e) when will these schemes be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The requisite information is as under:

Figures in MU (Net)

Year/Zone	Requirement	Availability	Shortage	%Shortag
1988-89				
Northern	65514	61629	3885	5·9
Western	66612	64872	1740	2·
Southern	59931	51681	8250	13·8
Eastern	28685	25354	3331	11.6
North-Eastern	2452	2373	79	3·2
All India	223194	205090	17285	7·7
1989-90				
Northern	74243	69960	4283	5·8
Western	74737	72787	1950	2·6
Southern	65422	56720	8702	13.3
Eastern	30598	26006	4592	15·0
North-Eastern	2762	2678	84	3·0
All India	247762	228151	19611	7·9
1990-91				
Northern	79790	75520	4270	5.4
Western	81423	78502	2921	3.6
Southern	70658	62982	7676	10·9
Eastern	32745	26678	6067	18.5
North-Eastern	3016	2878	138	4.6
All India	267632	246560	21072	7·9

(b) The installed generating capacity in the country as on 31st March, 1989 was 59040.38 MW. The total installed capacity added from 1-4-1989 to 31-3-1991 was 7464.2 MW.

(c) The requisite information is given in Annexures I and II. (*See* Appendix 159, Annexure Nos. 30 and 31).

(d) and (e) Various measures being taken to improve the availability of power include expediting commissioning of new generating capacity, implementation of short gestation projects, improving the performance of existing power stations, reduction of Transmission and Distribution losses, implementation of demand management and energy conservation measures and arranging transfer of energy from surplus to deficit areas. Implementation of these measures is a continuous process.

Refuelling of Planes of other Countries

954. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any international treaty or understanding regarding refuelling of planes of other countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the countries whose planes have received refuelling facilities from Indian airports during the past six months and the names of countries from where Indian planes have received reciprocal facilities during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) statement is attached.

Statement

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The International Air Services Transit Agreement (IASTA), which was signed at Chicago on 7-12-1944 and entered into force on 30-1-1945, provides that each Contracting State thereto, grants in respect of scheduled international air services, to the other Contracting States, *inter-alia* the privilege to land for non-traffic purposes, which includes refuelling of planes.

(c) Countries whose planes while operating scheduled international services received refuelling facilities at Indian Airports during the past 6 months are: Germany, U.S.A., U.S.S.R., Iran, Japan, Italy, Korea, Vietnam, France, Sri Lanka, Yeman, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bulgaria, England, Hongkong, Bhutan, Ethiopia, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Maldives, Nepal, Brussels, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Syria, Thailand, Turkey, Zambia, Tanzania, Romania, New Zealand, U.A.E., Oman, Australia, China, Indonesia, Nigeria, Canada, Switzerland, Ireland, Mauritius, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, Kenya, Netherlands, Poland, Holland, Pakistan, Lebanon, Spain, Sudan and Philippines.

The Indian planes have received the refuelling facilities during past six months in Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, Bahrain, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, France, Greece, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Iran, Iraq, Iceland, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Luxembourg, Maldives, Malaysia, Nepal, Netherlands, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Saudi Arabia, Switzerland, Spain, Thailand, U.A.E., U.K. and U.S.A.

Collaboration with U.S.S.R. in the Oil Sector

955. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of oil wells dug with U.S.S.R. collaboration